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State Capitol, Room 317
September 12-13, 2018

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Wednesday, September 12, 2018

- 10:00 a.m. **Call to Order - Roll Call**
Sen. Chas Vincent, chair
- 10:05 a.m. **Administrative matters--Mr. Kolman**
- Budget review
 - Adoption of EQC minutes from [July 25](#) and [26](#) (Tab 1)
- 10:10 a.m. **Water Policy Interim Committee update --Mr. Mohr**
- Energy & Telecommunications Interim Committee update --**
Mr. Graff
- 10:30 a.m. **Fire-related study topics (Tab 2)**
- Fire season update
 - DNRC
- 11:00 a.m. **Options for landowner assessment fees**
- Bill Drafts [LCFPA1](#), [2](#), [3](#)
 - EQC discussion
 - Public comment
 - EQC questions & discussion
 - EQC action, if any
- 11:45 a.m. **Road closures and restrictions on state lands report, 77-1-820,**
MCA [\(Tab 3\)](#)
- DNRC
 - Public comment
 - EQC questions & discussion
 - EQC action, if any
- 12 p.m. Lunch

- 1:00 p.m. **Natural Heritage Program funding** ([Tab 4](#))
- Review of [draft letter](#) to governor - Mr. Kolman
 - Public comment
 - EQC questions & discussion
 - EQC action, if any
- 1:15 p.m. **State Parks [program evaluation](#)** (Tab 5)
- Parks in Focus update
 - Chairman Vincent
 - [OHV1](#) and [snowmobile1](#): gas tax allocation proposals - Ms. Stockwell
 - Public comment
 - EQC questions & discussion
 - EQC action, if any
- 1:45 p.m. **Aquatic invasive species program evaluation** (Tab 6)
- FWP Update - Paul Sihler, Chief of Staff
 - Montana Invasive Species Commission [update](#) - Bryce Christiaens, chair
 - Upper Columbia Conservation Commission [update](#) - Lori Curtis, chair
 - Program funding proposal ([LCairs](#)) and comments received - Ms. Stockwell
 - [Public Comment](#)
 - EQC questions & discussion
 - EQC action, if any
- 2:45 p.m. BREAK
- 3:00 p.m. **Public comment** on any matter not contained in this agenda and that is within the jurisdiction of the EQC.
- 3:10 p.m. **Dog training in upland game bird areas** ([Tab 7](#))
- Overview of public comment - Mr. Kolman
 - Public comment
 - EQC questions & discussion
 - Committee action, if any
- 3:40 p.m. **Libby asbestos Superfund legislation** ([Tab 8](#))
- Overview of LIB1 bill draft - Mr. Kolman
 - Public comment
 - EQC questions & discussion
 - Committee action, if any
- 4:00 p.m. **SJ 5 Study** ([Tab 9](#))
- Overview -- Ms. Nowakowski
 - Carbon Sequestration in Montana -- Mr. O'Hair, Senior Government Affairs, Cloud Peak Energy and Richard Reavey, CPE VP of Public Affairs
 - Big Sky Carbon Sequestration Partnership -- Dr. Lee Spangler, Director BSCSP

- Carbon Engineering (Direct Air Capture) -- TBD
- Tyler Hamman, Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Dry Fork Station
- Public comment
- EQC questions & discussion
- Committee action, if any

5:15 p.m. Recess

Thursday, September 13, 2018

8:00 a.m. **Sanitation Review for Subdivisions, HB 507 (2017)**

- Tim Davis, DEQ
- Public comment
- EQC questions & discussion
- Committee action, if any

8:30 a.m. **Statutory administrative rule review [\(Tab 10\)](#)**

- Ms. Bills
- Public comment
- EQC questions & discussion
- EQC action, if any

8:45 a.m. **Montana State University lab study**

- Staff update - Ms. Albrecht
- EQC member updates - Rep. Hamlett, Rep. White
- Public comment
- EQC questions & discussion
- EQC action, if any

9:00 a.m. **FWP Financial Review Advisory Council update**

- Dustin Temple, Chief of Administration and Technology
- Public comment
- EQC questions & discussion
- Committee action, if any

9:15 a.m. **Wildlife Habitat Improvement Act Report, HB 434 (2017) [\(Tab 11\)](#)**

- Ken McDonald, Wildlife Division Administrator, FWP
- Public comment
- EQC questions & discussion
- Committee action, if any

9:45 a.m. **Mountain sheep report, 87-2-702, MCA [\(Tab 12\)](#)**

- Quentin Kujala, Wildlife Division Bureau Coordinator, FWP
- Public comment
- EQC questions & discussion
- Next steps for study

10:00 a.m. Break

- 10:15 a.m. **Sage grouse population report, 87-1-201(11)**
- Ken McDonald, Wildlife Division Administrator, FWP
 - Public comment
 - EQC questions & discussion
 - Next steps for study
- 10:30 a.m. **Sage Grouse conservation program**
- Habitat Quantification Tool demonstration - Carolyn Sime, Program Manager
 - Public comment
 - EQC questions & discussion
 - Committee action, if any
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. **Agency Legislative Proposals (Tab 13)**
- [DEQ](#)
 - Public comment
 - EQC questions & discussion
 - EQC action, if any
- 1:30 p.m. • [DNRC](#)
- Public comment
 - EQC questions & discussion
 - EQC action, if any
- 2:00 p.m. • [FWP](#) - Becky Dockter, chief legal council
- Public comment
 - EQC questions & discussion
 - EQC action, if any
- 2:30 p.m. **Private Land/Public Wildlife Council update ([Tab 14](#))**
- Hank Warsech, FWP Legislative Liaison
 - EQC bill draft - LCELK1
 - Public comment
 - EQC questions & discussion
 - Committee action, if any
- 3:00 p.m. **Montana Office of Outdoor Recreation**
- Director Rachel VandeVoort
 - Public comment
 - EQC questions & discussion
 - EQC action, if any
- 3:30 p.m. **Financial aid programs update**
- Anna Miller, DNRC
 - Alice Stanley, DNRC
 - Commerce Director Pam Haxby
 - Public comment
 - EQC questions & discussion
 - Committee action, if any

4:00 p.m.

Public comment on any matter not contained in this agenda and that is within the jurisdiction of the EQC

Other business

Instructions to staff

Adjourn

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